Other Areas of Interest:

The Hunter Property - a scenic trail walk along the Merrimack River.

The Sherburne Property - a large tract with many trails and great eco-diversity.

Shady Glade Conservation Land - a large tract typifying a southern New England forest with historical features.

<u>Long Pond Shores</u> - a large tract of forest with frontage on Long Pond.

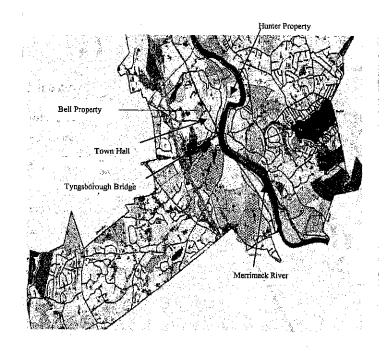
The Forest and Trails Committee is comprised of Tyngsborough residents and members of the Conservation Commission.

Its mission is to maintain and preserve open space and recreation areas within the Town.

Through these efforts, the committee helps to maintain the Town's character, protect its natural resources, and provide recreational opportunities for everyone, enhancing the quality of life for all Tyngsborough residents.

The Committee meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 7 PM in the Tyngsborough Town Hall on Bryants Lane.

New members are always welcome!



Directions:

From the bridge go north on 3A. Turn left onto Bryants Lane Property is on the right. Parking is permitted in the Town Hall parking lot.

FOR THE ENJOYMENT OF THE RESIDENTS OF THE TOWN OF TYNGSBOROUGH



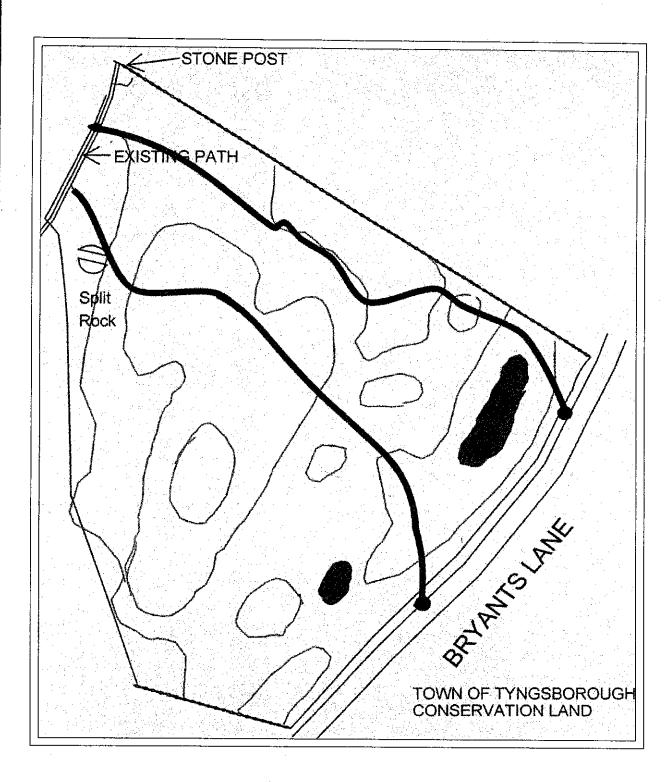
THE BELL PROPERTY

Donated by Edward Bell in August of 1996.

THE TRAIL HEAD IS LOCATED ON BRYANTS LANE OPPOSITE THE TOWN HALL PARKING LOT.

TWO STONE WALLS SURROUND THIS 16 ACRE WOODED PARCEL. THE MILE LONG TRAIL ROUGHLY FOLLOWS THE STONE WALLS THROUGH THE WOODS TO AN OLD CART PATH AT THE REAR OF THE PARCEL. A LARGE SPLIT ROCK NEAR THE CART PATH MARKS THE MIDWAY POINT OF THE TRAIL.

FOLLOW THE TRAIL MARKERS TO EXIT AT THE OTHER END OF BRYANTS LANE.



WHAT TO LOOK FOR:

STONE WALLS ARE A GREAT PLACE TO LOOK FOR ALL SORTS OF WILDLIFE. CHIPMUNKS, MICE, SPIDERS AND SNAKES FREQUENTLY MAKE THEIR HOMES IN THE MANY CREVICES IN THE ROCKS.

A MINK FARM USED TO BE HOUSED ON THE PROPERTY ADJACENT TO THE BELL LAND ALONG MIDDLESEX ROAD. MEMBERS OF THE WEASEL FAMILY AND RESEMBLING FERRETS, MINKS FEED ON FISH, BIRDS, RODENTS AND FROGS. OCCASIONALLY, A MINK CAN STILL BE SEEN HERE IN THE LATE AFTERNOON OR EARLY MORNING.

TWO VERNAL POOLS ON THIS PROPERTY PROVIDE HABITAT FOR WATER FOWL AND VARIOUS AMPHIBIANS. DISTINCTIVE TO THIS LOT IS THE PRESENCE OF A COMMUNITY OF PINK LADY SLIPPERS.

SPRING BRINGS A VARIETY OF MIGRATING WOODLAND SONG BIRDS. WOODED AREAS PROVIDE CRITICAL NESTING AND FEEDING STOPS FOR THESE BIRDS WHILE THEY MIGRATE FROM THEIR WINTER FEEDING GROUNDS TO THEIR NORTHERN BREEDING HABITATS.